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WATCH FOR BANDED DUCKS THIS SEASON

Sportsmen going afield this season to take daily and seasonal bags of wild ducks and other game birds may find occasionally a numbered aluminum band on one leg of a bird. Bird-banding co-operators of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in advancing its studies of North American waterfowl, ^{have} banded game birds at more than 50 stations in the United States and Canada, from the Arctic regions south to Louisiana and Georgia and from Maine to California. The Biological Survey desires a report on every banded bird that is recovered, and requests the cooperation of sportsmen. The report should state the number printed on the band (including any series designation, such as A, B, or C) and the date and locality where the bird was obtained. In return, the Biological Survey will tell the person rendering the report where and when the bird was banded, and send interesting information on the application of the banding method to bird study.

Bird banding, as conducted by the Biological Survey and its 1,700 co-operators, furnishes a means of obtaining information regarding conservation measures. The banding records of the bureau have furnished much information on hunting and conservation problems, such as showing the regions that are visited by particular concentrations of birds. The solution of these problems means much to the perpetuation of the sport of wild-fowling, and sportsmen are accordingly urged to examine the ducks and other wild fowl in their bags and report banded birds to the Biological Survey.

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